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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Pietras, et al.

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For: An Apparatus for Facilitating
the Connection of Tubulars
Using a Top Drive

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to grant a one-month extension of time to and including July 30, 2001, in which to file the Response to Office Action Dated March 29, 2001.

This form is filed in duplicate. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$110.00 and any additional fees which may be required for this submission to Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0012/WBPA.

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